



Grilling Safety

Tips on Safely Grilling Outdoors

There is nothing that most Firefighters like better than throwing some burgers on the grill, but the **LEXINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT** wants to make sure that you are getting ready for spring safely, and your grill fire stays in your grill!

SAFETY TIPS:

- ☑ Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must **only** be used outdoors.
- ☑ If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.
- ☑ Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- ☑ Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- ☑ Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill.
- ☑ Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers.
- ☑ Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

Charcoal grills

- ☑ Purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children, and away from heat sources.
- ☑ **Never** add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.



Propane grills

- ☑ Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.
- ☑ Use only equipment with the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.

For More Information

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